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SUBJECT: SEPT. 12 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. HENRY BRADSHER IN SEPT. 11 WASHINGTON STAR SAID ADMINI-
STRATION SOUNDINGS ON CAPITAL HILL THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO
OBSERVE SALT ONE AFTER FORMAL EXPIRATION OCT. 3 HAVE
,STIRRED PRELIMINARY MUTTERINGS THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENT
MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT PROVIDES INSUFFICIENT
CONFIDENCE THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT CHEAT." BRADSHER POINTED
OUT THAT SO FAR ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD NO CONSULTATIONS
WITH CONGRESS IN USUAL SENSE OF TERM. SENATE FOREIGN RELA-
TIONS COMMITTEE FORMALLY ASKED ADMINISTRATION WHAT IT IN-
TENDS TO DO ABOUT PROBLEM, "BUT SO FAR HAS RECEIVED NO
LETTER OR BRIEFING IN REPLY," BRADSHER SAID. "INSTEAD,
FEW MIDDLE-LEVEL CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH CONGRESSIONAL
AIDES TO FLOAT ADMINISTRATION THINKING SO THAT REACTION
CAN BE TESTED. IDEA OFFERED ON ONE SIDE OF HILL IS FOR
U.S. TO MAKE UNILATERAL STATEMENT THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO
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ADHERE TO LIMITATIONS ON ICBMS DESPITE FORMAL LAPSE OF
SALT ONE AND THAT IT EXPECTS SOVIET UNION TO DO SAME. BY
THIS THINKING, MOSCOW WOULD SAY NOTHING. VARIANT OF THIS
IDEA TESTED ON OTHER SIDE OF HILL IS FOR BOTH NATIONS TO
ISSUE STATEMENTS. WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL SAYS NO DECISION
HAS BEEN MADE ON WHAT TO DO, BUT 'WE'RE ON POINT OF MAKING

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UP OUR MINDS.', BRADSHER SAID ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT ANY HOPE OF PROGRESS ON SALT TWO OR FUTURE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION WOULD BE BLIGHTED BY ABUSE OF UNWRITTEN UNDERSTANDING TO ADHERE TO SALT ONE. SINCE SOVIET UNION WANTS FURTHER LIMITATIONS, SOME SENIOR OFFICIALS THINK IT WILL NOT CHEAT, BRADSHER SAID.

2. BERNARD GWERTZMAN OF NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED SEPT. 11 THAT PROGRESS TOWARD SALT TWO, ,ALREADY BLOCKED BY SHARP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET UNION, HAS BEEN FURTHER COMPLICATED BY DISAGREEMENT WITHIN CARTER ADMINISTRATION." ESSENTIALLY, GWERTZMAN EXPLAINED, PENTAGON WANTS TO ENLARGE RANGE LIMIT FOR CRUISE MISSILES AND STATE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WANT TO ALTER P9OPOSALS ALREADY MADE TO RUSSIANS. HE RECALLED THAT LAST MAY, U.S., BESIDES PROPOSING 2,500-KILOMETER LIMIT OF AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES, HAD TOLD RUSSIANS IT WOULD ACCEPT LOWER RANGE LIMITS OF 600 KILOMETERS ON OTHER KINDS OF CRUISE MISSILES. THREE WEEKS AGO, GWERTZMAN SAID, DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN INFORMED ADMINISTRATION HE AND JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF BELIEVED THAT 2,500-KILOMETER LIMIT ON AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES WAS ACCEPTABLE ONLY FOR PRESENT AND FOR DURATION OF PROPOSED THREE-YEAR SALT-TWO PROTOCOL. GWERTZMAN SAID BROWN CONTENDED THAT BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET AIR DEFENSES, RANGE LIMIT FOR AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES ;MAY REQUIRE" RANGE OF 3,000
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KILOMETERS. GWERTZMAN RECALLED THAT BROWN LAST JUNE HAD SAID NO AMERICAN DECISION IN STRATEGIC ARMS TALKS COULD BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH USE OF CRUISE MISSILES IN STRATEGIC ARSENALS. GWERTZMAN SAID
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OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE HAD TROUBLE NEGOTIATING WITH RUSSIANS ON SEVERAL MATTERS, INCLUDING CRUISE MISSILES, WERE SURPRISED BY PENTAGON MOVE SINCE IT WOULD MEAN GOING TO SOVIET UNION AND ASSERTING THAT IN ANY FORMAL TREATY RANGE OF AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES WOULD BE INCREASED OVER THAT REGULATED BY PROTOCOL." GWERTZMAN SAID THIS INTERAGENCY DISPUTE WAS ONE ELEMENT IN VANCE'S DECISION TO CANCEL PROJECTED MEETING IN VIENNA WITH GROMYKO. U.S. OFFICIALS, HE REPORTED, SAID THEY HOPED DECISION WOULD BE MADE THIS WEEK WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER IS DUE TO HOLD NSC MEETING. GROMYKO IS DUE IN WASHINGTON SEPT. 22-23, GWERTZMAN NOTED, AND AMERICAN SIDE WOULD LIKE TO RESOLVE MATTER BY THEN.

3. BERNARD WEINRAUB IN SEPT. 11 NEW YORK TIMES SAID DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN, IN MEMO TO SENIOR PENTAGON OFFICIALS, ANNOUNCED CURBS DESIGNED TO PROTECT AMERICAN

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PRODUCTION SUPERIORITY IN SUCH SENSITIVE AREAS AS JET ENGINES, AIRFRAMES, INSTRUMENTS AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

AT SAME TIME, BROWN ANNOUNCED RELAXATION OF EXPORT CONTROLS ON SALE OF FINISHED GOODS PRODUCED BY THESE INDUSTRIES, WEINRAUB SAID. TIMES CORRESPONDENT SAID THIS KEY DECISION MAY SPUR SALE OF AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY TO CHINESE WHO HAVE MAINLY SOUGHT TO ACQUIRE COMMERCIAL END-PRODUCTS. RUSSIANS, HE POINTED OUT, HAVE BEEN MORE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING TECHNICAL PRODUCTION SKILLS. "ALTHOUGH PENTAGON MEMO MADE PUBLIC OVER WEEKEND MENTIONS NO COUNTRY BY NAME, IT WAS INTERPRETED BY SPECIALISTS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT AS SIGNAL THAT U.S. WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY ON SALE OF TECHNOLOGY SOUGHT BY CHINESE," WEINRAUB SAID.
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"CHINA'S DEFENSE-RELATED TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS ARE BROAD, AND INCLUDE COMPONENTS FOR RADAR, JET ENGINES, ADVANCED SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT."

4. BALTIMORE SUN EDITORIALLY SAID IT WOULD BE DISASTER IF 1972 SALT AGREEMENT "WERE TO EXPIRE ON OCT. 3, CEASE TO BE OBSERVED, AND NOT BE SUPERSEDED." SUN POINTED OUT IN SEPT. 11 EDITORIAL THAT STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION PROCESS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY PARTIAL LIMITATION ACHIEVED IN ONE OF ITS STAGES. "MOST SUBSTANTIAL COMPONENT OF SALT ONE WAS ITS ANTICIPATION OF SALT TWO, AND MOST IMPORTANT CLAUSE IN SALT TWO WOULD BE TIMETABLE FOR SALT THREE. ONLY WHOLE PROCESS CAN CREATE PSYCHOLOGY OF SECURITY, REDUCE LIKELIHOOD OF NUCLEAR WARFARE, DISSUADE ARMS DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH AMERICAN AND SOVIET BUDGETS." VANCE

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